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27 Geo. II. Public Acts, c. 16.

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# GEORGII II. Regis.

*An Act for making perpetual several Laws for Punishment of Persons destroying Turnpikes, Locks, or other Works erected by Authority of Parliament; and that all Acts made for erecting Courts of Conscience, shall be deemed Publick Acts; and to impower a certain Number of the Trustees of the* British Museum *to do certain Acts; and for confirming the Table of Fees to be*

*taken by the Clerks to the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Middleſex; *and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures or Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices; and for filing Affidavits of the Execution of Contracts of Clerks to Attornies and Sollicitors; and for preventing Perſons driving certain Carriages from riding upon ſuch Carriages.*

[That is, ſo much as relates to the *Britiſh Muſeum.*]

AND whereas by an Act made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An*

*An Act for the Purchaſe of the* Muſeum, *or Collection of Sir* Hans Sloane, *and of the* Harleian *Collection of Manuſcripts, and for providing One General Repoſitory for the better Reception and more convenient Uſe of the ſaid Collections, and of the* Cottonian Library, *and of the Additions thereto*; it is, among other Things, enacted, That certain Perſons in the ſaid Act named, and their Succeſſors, ſhall be Truſtees for putting the ſaid Act in Execution; and that they, or the major Part of them, in a General Meeting aſſembled, whereof the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the Houſe

Recital of Clauſes in Act 26 *Geo.* II.

of Commons, ſhall be Three, ſhall, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think fit, elect and nominate Fifteen other Perſons to be aſſociated to them in the Executions of the Truſts thereby in them repoſed; and when any of the Truſtees ſo elected and nominated ſhall die, ſhall in like Manner elect and nominate a fit Perſon or Perſons to ſupply the Place or Places of him or them ſo dying, and ſo *toties quoties*, as any of the ſaid Truſtees ſo elected and nominated, or others ſo elected and nominated to ſupply their Places, ſhall happen to die: And whereas the Powers and Authorities given to the whole Body of the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum*, by the

the ſaid Act incorporated, are thereby limited to be exerciſed by them, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting aſſembled: And whereas it may happen that the ſaid Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, may be hindered by Indiſpoſition or Avocation, from being all of them preſent at ſuch Elections of Truſtees; and it may alſo happen that the major Part of the whole Number of the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum* cannot conveniently be preſent at every General Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees; be it enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That every ſuch Election of a Truſtee,

Elections of Truſtees, at which the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, and Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, or Two of them, ſhall be preſent,

a Truſtee, at which the ſaid Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, or any Two of them ſhall be preſent, ſhall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if the ſaid Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, were all of them preſent; and that the Acts and Orders made by the major Part of ſuch Number of the ſaid Truſtees, as ſhall be preſent at any ſuch General Meeting, ſo as Seven of the ſaid Truſtees at the leaſt be there preſent, ſhall have the ſame and the like Force and Effect,

and all Acts done by Seven Truſtees, deemed valid.

Effect, as if ſuch Acts and Orders were made by the major Part of the whole Number of the ſaid Truſtees; any thing in the ſaid Act, or any Law, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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